30. Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin Christians-Ernakulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether dearness allowance for Government servants was enhanced as promised at the last Budget Session;

(*b*) if not, why not?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Comptroller of Finance and Accounts:)* (*a*) No definite promise was made by the Government. The Diwan President undertook that the matter would receive the earnest attention of the Government and that the rates of dearness allowance would be reviewed from time to time.

(*b*) Government are constantly examining the question whether the rate of dearness allowance should be enhanced further.

Mr. L. M. Pylee *(Latin-Christians Ernakulam):* Sir, in view of the information supplied in reply to the previous questions I do not want to put this question.

MEDICAL OFFICER—TRAINING IN THE MADRAS MENTAL HOSPITAL

31. Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government intend to depute any Medical Officer for training in the Madras Mental Hospital;

(*b*) whether applications have been called for;

(*c*) the terms upon which the training is to be given;

(*d*) whether seniority of service will not be reckoned in the selection of the candidate?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):*

(*a*) Casualty Officer Mr. T. K. Krishnaswamy has been deputed for training in Madras Mental Hospital.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) He should undergo this training at his own expense, but the fees will be paid by the Government. The training is for a period of six months. On completion of this training he will be appointed as officiating Assistant Surgeon in the Mental Hospital on the grade of Rs. 125-5-200 with an allowance of Rs. 50 in lieu of private practice.

(*d*) Yes.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North):* May I know whether the Government had any objection to call for application in regard to this training.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* The Government had no objection but they did not think it necessary to do so.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* May I know Sir, what will be the starting pay which the officer will be getting when he is appointed.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Rs. 125 plus 50.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* For purpose of seniority will this allowance of Rs. 50 be taken into consideration?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* No.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Is he not at present drawing Rs. 150 as A. R. P. casualty Officer?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* He was drawing this amount.

Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will he not be entitled to draw Rs. 200 as soon as he returns after training.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* No.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram):* Who is the Casualty Officer in his place?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):* Dr. J. Ramakrishna Ayyar.

GENERAL HOSPITAL—ADMISSION OF VISITORS

32. Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the reason why visitors are not allowed to the Ernakulam General Hospital, at least for one hour daily;

(*b*) is it not the practice at the Trichur Civil Hospital to allow visitors in the evening from 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer):*

(*a*) Visitors are allowed daily to the General Hospital between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.

(*b*) Yes.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Is it compulsory that a visitor should produce a pass for gaining entry?

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Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Yes.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Is there such a rule in the Trichur Civil Hospital?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: No.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: What is the necessity of such a rule at Ernakulam?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: The Honorary visitors of the General Hospital suggested that such a procedure should be adopted here.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: When is the time for giving such a pass? Is it at the time of admitting the patient?

Rao Shaib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Passes are issued at the time of admitting patients to the Hospitals.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: Who issue the passes.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: The Civil Surgeon.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: How many passes are issued at a time.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Two.

TRICHUR CIVIL HOSPITAL—ATTENDANCE OF DOCTORS

33. Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any time is fixed in the Trichur Civil Hospital for the attendance of doctors;

(*b*) if fixed, what is the time;

(*c*) whether the time fixed is scrupulously observed by the doctors?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verhgese *(Chief Medical Officer)*:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) 8-30 a.m. to 11-30 a.m. and 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.

(*c*) Yes.

Mr. M. Krishna Menon *(Trichur-North)*: May I know the Hon'ble Member for medicine has enquired into the matter whether the time fixed is scrupulously observed by the Doctors.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)* I have, Sir.

Mr. M. Krishna Menona *(Trichur-North)*: Will you kindly make an enquiry whether on 8th Vrischigam 1119 all the Doctors were in the hospital in time.

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Yes, I will make a note of it.

AUXILIARY NURSING SERVICE—CANDIDATES SELECTED

34. Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon *(Women-Ernakulam)*: Will Government be pleased to give a caste-wor list of the candidates selected from the State for the Auxiliary Nursing Service?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*: Selection of candidates for A.N.S. is made directly by the Lady District Superintendent, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Overseas, Madras, and as such particulars of the candidates selected are not available here.

SPECIAL DEPARTMENTS IN THE GENERAL AND CIVIL HOSPITAL

35 Mr. T. A. Ramachanda Ayyar *(Nellayi)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many special departments are there in the General Hospital, Ernakulam and the Civil Hospital, Trichur, and what are they;

(*b*) how many of these are in charge of paid Assistant Surgeons and how many in charge of Honorary Assistant Surgeons;

(*c*) being specialists why are some paid and some honorary;

(*d*) for how many years has the senior-most Honorary Assistant Surgeon been in service;

(*e*) has any junior to him been appointed as specialist in the department;

(*f*) why was not a paid specialist appointed for eye section in Trichur Hospital;

(*g*) what are the qualifications of the specialist in the department;

(*h*) the number of cases treated during last year and the number of operations done in the Opthalmic section of the Trichur Hospital?

Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese *(Chief Medical Officer)*:

(*a*) **General Hospital**—(4) Dental, Ear, Nose and Throat, X-ray and laboratory.

Civil Hospital—(3) Dental, Eye and Tuberculosis.

(*b*) All are in charge of paid Medical Officers except the eye section in the Civil Hospital, which is in charge of an Honorary Assistant Surgeon.

(*c*) There is no rule that all those who work in special departments should be on paid cadre.

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